

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515 March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Butler Township Volunteer Fire Department Station – Butler Township, PA in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Butler Township, located at 290 South Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The funding would be used for the construction of a new fire station which will house the necessary response vehicles and store associated equipment. The new station will have a sleeping quarters and a kitchen area to allow volunteers to stay at the station for duty shifts. A traffic signaling device will be installed on South Duffy Road to stop oncoming traffic and facilitate unimpeded road access for fire department response vehicles. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the current station was not designed to accommodate the modern equipment necessary for the full scope of fire service responsibilities. For many decades, Butler Township was provided fire service coverage by five volunteer fire departments all of which operated from their own fire station. As resources declined the departments merged to one department with two stations. This project will allow for the construction of a single fire station that will house all departmental equipment and streamline fire services for Butler Township to reduce response times for the community.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Mike Kelly

Member of Congress